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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, INCLUDING POLICIES OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND SEGREGATION AND OF APARTHEID, IN ALL COUNTRIES, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COLONIAL AND OTHER DEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES: REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMISSION UNDER COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTION 8 (XXIII)

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its forty-fourth session, the Sub-Commission adopted resolution 1992/15 entitled "Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran". In this resolution the Sub-Commission, inter alia, requested the Secretary-General to inform the Sub-Commission at its forty-fifth session of relevant reports by other special rapporteurs or bodies in the field of human rights, as well as of steps which had been or were being taken by the General Assembly and the Commission on Human Rights to prevent violations of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran (para. 5).

2. In compliance with this request, the attention of the Sub-Commission is drawn to the interim report which the Special Representative on the human rights situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran, Professor Reynaldo Galindo Pohl, submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session (A/47/617, Annex).

3. On 18 December 1992, the General Assembly adopted resolution 47/146 entitled "Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran".

4. The Special Representative submitted a final report to the Commission on Human Rights at its forty-ninth session (E/CN.4/1993/41 and Add.1).

5. At its forty-ninth session, the Commission on Human Rights also had before it reports by the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention (E/CN.4/1993/24), by the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances (E/CN.4/1993/25) and by the Special Rapporteurs on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (E/CN.4/1993/46), on the question of torture (E/CN.4/1993/26) and on the question of Forms of Intolerance and of Discrimination Based on Religion or Belief (E/CN.4/1993/62), which refer to the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran within the terms of their respective mandates.

6. On 10 March 1993, the Commission on Human Rights adopted, by a roll-call vote of 23 to 11, with 14 abstentions, resolution 1993/62 entitled "Situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran".

7. At its first regular session of 1993, the Economic and Social Council, taking note of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1993/62, approved the Commission's request to the Special Representative to submit an interim report to the General Assembly, at its forty-eighth session, on the situation of human rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran and to report to the Commission at its fiftieth session (decision 1993/275 of 28 July 1993).